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"But when timber is needed for great strains and stresses the builder chooses the slow-growing tree that matures in rocky soil and on wind-swept hillsides."

